

**Lanesboro Public Utilities**

**Council Chambers**

**12:00 p.m., August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**Member(s) Present: Evenson, O'Connor & Schuck**

**Absent:**

**Visitors: Peterson, Wagner and Vickerman**

**REGULAR MEETING:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Evenson. The agenda was approved with a motion by O'Connor, second by Schuck, motion carried. The minutes, of the joint Council and Utilities meeting on July 6th, were approved with a motion by Schuck, second by O'Connor, motion carried.

**PERSONS WITH BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMISSION:**

N/A

**HOUSEKEEPING:**

**Paying of the Bills:** O'Connor made motion to pay bills as presented and for Vickerman and Peterson to use their judgment to pay other bills of the month when they come in, second Evenson, motion carried.

**Past Due Accounts:** There was a list of five accounts that were severely past due presented to the members. O'Connor made motion for immediate cut off if not paid in full, second Schuck, motion carried.

**Meeting Times:** Vickerman noted that the second Monday of the month was difficult due to the payables no being in by that time, she asked if the meeting could be moved to later in the month. The commission members agreed to move the meetings to the third Monday of the month at noon.

**Dam – Emergency Action Plan (EAP):** Vickerman noted that she and Peterson will be attending the High Hazard Dam EAP meeting in St. Cloud, noting that the DNR required them to attend, along with the fact that the FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) was putting the conference on, it was beneficial for them to attend. Vickerman noted that if we are seeking out FEMA funds we would have to attend and have a plan put in place. O'Connor made a motion to have Peterson and Vickerman work on finding an engineering firm or some type of professional assistance to develop an EAP for the dam and to pay for the mileage to attend the meeting in St. Cloud, second Schuck, motion carried. O'Connor asked if the two could provide cost estimates for the next meeting for phase one of implementing an EAP.

**UMMPA:** Wagner gave an update noting that the next meeting will be September 1<sup>st</sup> and it will be a discussion about Smart Grid. Wagner also noted that there would be an upcoming meeting about Dairyland joining MISO.

**Dairyland Municipal Appreciation Overview:** Evenson noted that Wagner, Vickerman and he attended the Municipal appreciation, noting that the news seemed pretty bleak for the electric industry. Evenson noted that the presentations were beneficial and worthwhile, and noted that it is important for us as a utility to have representation at all meetings.

**Direct Electric Line from Dairyland:** Vickerman provided transmission costs from Tri-County and with the calculation at this time it would be about the same cost per month to run our own direct line to Dairyland. O'Connor stated with the electrical industry in an unstable position, we may want to hold off seeing what the future brings before making that commitment.

**Dam/Hydro:** Peterson reported that the Hydro has not been running much due to water flow however it was stated that it generated 120,000 kilowatts in June and 23,000 in July.

**Miscellaneous:** It was discussed to work with reserves for the 2010 budgeting, to seek out ways to take the cell tower funding and create separate funds for the money coming in for that, and for Wagner to assist Vickerman after his surgery in the office to separate the Balance Sheet accounts. It was also noted for Vickerman, Peterson and Wagner to work on a flyer for the 2009/2010 heating season for helpful hints and ways to conserve energy.

**ADJOURN:**

The meeting stood adjourned at 1:14 p.m. on a motion by O'Connor, second by Schuck, motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Bobbie Vickerman  
City Administrator/Clerk